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AMENDMENT

Hon: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to an office action of  
January 15, 2003 in connection with the above -identified patent  
application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been rejected. Claims 1-20 remain in the  
case.

REJECTION OF CLAIM 1

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being obvious over  
de Keller. In support of the rejection, the office action cites  
bits of de Keller. The citing of the bits is a way of using  
Applicant's disclosure as a road map through the prior art to  
formulate a rejection, which is an example of a prohibited use of  
hindsight. Moreover, a result of citing the bits is that exactly  
what de Keller discloses is disguised.